

## MARY'S MEALS

The following letter was received from Mary's Meals Headquarters on 27 July 2017

(Note: our 'Coffee Jar' offerings in 2016 were sent to Mary's Meals)

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of £201.83 to Mary's Meals, which will be used to provide life-changing meals for children in their place of education. Supporting our school feeding programmes is a great way of helping hungry children to learn and giving them the best chance of a future free from poverty.

The daily meals we provide are enabling thousands of children to attend school and work towards their dreams. Children such as 14-year-old Chimza Harry, who attends Mwalamba Primary School in Malawi. Chimza – whose full name, Chimwemwe, means joy – lives at home with his mother Lucia and three siblings. The family ran out of food stores after last year's harvest, having only managed to grow one bag of maize.

He said, "I feel weak in the mornings when I walk to school. I feel lethargic, but I am excited to go to school because I will eat here and learn." Chimza is top of his class and has been every year since he started school.

However, as the eldest male living in the household, he feels duty-bound to help support the family and is adamant that he would not be at school if it weren't for the phala (porridge). "When I eat the phala I get the strength to eat, study, walk home and work. If there was no phala, I would have left school, because I know when I am hungry I cannot listen properly, I cannot learn. I would like to finish my education and become a doctor. I would like to help my people – the people around my village – to see a doctor in hospital faster."

Chimza's academic achievements show he is right to be ambitious. Thanks to your generosity, he and thousands more children have the chance to realise their dreams. On behalf of the 1,230,171 children who currently receive Mary's Meals, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yours sincerely,  
Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow,  
Chief Executive, Mary's Meals

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